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SUBJ: COMMENTS OF AFGHAN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ON SITUATION IN INDIA

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1. WHEN I TOOK VISITING AMBASSADOR HELMS TO SEE HIM JULY 6 AND LATER AT A DINNER I GAVE IN HELMS' HONOR, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH HAD A NUMBER OF THINGS TO SAY ABOUT THE CURRENT SITUATION IN INDIA.

2. ABDULLAH SAID THAT THE GOA INTENDS TO MAKE NO REPEAT NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC COMMENT. HE REVEALED THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN URGING THE GOA TO MAKE A COMMENT IN SUPPORT OF MRS. GANDHI BUT THAT THE GOA HAS REFUSED TO DO SO. ABDULLAH COMMENTED THAT SOVIET SUPPORT OF MRS. GANDHI APPEARS TO BE AIMED AT PROTECTING THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF INDIA.

3. ABDULLAH DID SAY THAT HE HAS CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY
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FOR MRS. GANDHI'S POSITION AND STATED HIS BELIEF THAT

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SHE HAD BEEN FORCED AT ACT AS SHE DID BECAUSE THAT
POLITICAL SITUATION HAD BECOME INTOLERABLE. HE TWICE
REPEATED THAT THERE IS NO SATISFACTORY ALTERNATIVE AT
THE PRESENT TIME TO MRS. GANDHI AS INDIA'S LEADER. HE
ADDED THAT PRESIDENT DAOUD HAD SENT A SYMPATHETIC
PRIVATE MESSAGE TO HER.

4. AS FOR THE FUTURE, ABDULLAH SAID HE WOULD KNOW MORE
FOLLOWING THE VISIT BEGINNING JULY 7 TO KABUL OF KEWAL
SINGH, INDIAN FOREIGN SECRETARY, (SEE SEPTEL). AN IMPORTANT
QUESTION FOR AFGHANISTAN IS WHETHER INDIA WILL REMAIN
STABLE AND ABDULLAH BELIEVES THAT MRS. GANDHI'S ACTIONS
TO DATE HAVE IMPROVED THE CHANCES FOR STABILITY. HE
ALSO REPEATED THE REMARK REPORTED IN REFTEL THAT INDIA'S
CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTIES ARE AFFECTING THE PERSPECTIVE
OF THE DRAFTERS OF AFGHANISTAN'S NEW REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTION.
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